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SUBJ: COBALT

REF: STATE 145925

1. ZAMBIAN COBALT PRODUCTION IN 1977 ESTIMATED AT 1,800 METRIC TONS. SLIGHT INCREASE EXPECTED DURING 1978 WHEN PRODUCTION COULD REACH 2,000 METRIC TONS.
2. ZAMBIAN COBALT REFINING CAPACITY (ALL ORE IS FROM LOCAL SOURCES) IS SLIGHTLY ABOVE 2,000 METRIC TONS PER YEAR. NEW REFINERY EXTENSION UNDER CONSTRUCTION FOR TWO YEARS EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL BY SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR. REFINERY EXTENSION SHOULD INCREASE PRODUCTION CAPACITY TO 3,600 TO 4,000 METRIC TONS PER YEAR.
3. ZAMBIAN PRODUCTION TRADITIONALLY SUPPLIED UNDER LONG TERM CONTRACTS. NO INDICATION THIS IS CHANGING. RECENT ATTEMPT BY MULTINATIONAL TO SPOT PURCHASE ZAMBIAN COBALT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.
4. NO STOCKPILES DELIBERATELY MAINTAINED.

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5. UNLIKELY ZAMBIA WILL TAKE SIGNIFICANT STOPS TO CAPITALIZE ON CURRENT COBALT SHORTAGE.
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